WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A system for storing and retrieving data, comprising:

2   an identifier including three or more variables for identifying each data stored in said

3   system.

1   2.   The system of claim 1, wherein one of said three or more variables is a device

2   identification variable.

1   3.   The system of claim 2, further includes a timestamp for prioritizing said data.

1   4.   The system of claim 3, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.

1   5.   The system of claim 4, wherein said system includes a registry for storing said

2   data.

1   6.   The system of claim 5, wherein said registry is provided in a database structure.

1   7.   The system of claim 1, wherein said three or more variables includes a device

2   identification variable, an application identification variable and a user identification variable.

1   8.   The system of claim 7, further including a timestamp for prioritizing data.

1   9.   The system of claim 8, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.

1   10.   The system of claim 9, wherein said system includes a registry and said registry

2   includes a database structure for storing said data.

1   11.   A registry for storing and retrieving preference data, comprising:

2   an identifier including at least three variables for identifying a data stored in said registry.

1   12.   The registry of claim 11, further comprising a means for providing a floating

2   value to said at least three variables.

1   13.   The registry means of claim 12, further comprising a means for associating a time

2   stamp to said data.

1   14.   A method for storing and retrieving data in a system, comprising the step of:

2   identifying each stored data in said system by an identifier including three or more

3   variables.

1   15.   A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of storing data in a

2   registry.

1   16.   A method according to claim 15, wherein one of said three or more variables is a

2   device identification variable.

1   17.   A method according to claim 16, further including the step of time stamping said

2   data for prioritizing said data.

1   18.   A method according to claim 17, further including the step of filling one of said

2   variables with a wildcard.

1   19.   A method according to claim 18, further including the step of deleting one or

2   more data items that has been superseded by a subsequent data having same identifier but a

3   higher time stamp value.

1   20.   A method according to claim 19, wherein said registry is provided in a database

2   structure.